of India have suggested that the project may be financed by a consortium of banks.

Scheme for jute workers in West Bengal

813. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme for 'Goldar Handshake' for the jute workers in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether it has been finalised and the necessary sums of money sanctioned; and

(c) what is the extent of its implementation till date?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Schemes for improvement of colonies of displaced persons in West Bengal

814. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the progress in the implementation of the Rs. 84 crore improvement scheme of the colonies set up by the displaced persons in West Bengal, as announced by the Prime Minister last year;

(b) whether it is a fact that disagreement between the Union Government and State Government on the question of the ceiling of land to be in possession of individual family is one of the main reasons for the slow progress; and

(c) if so, what steps have since been taken to end the dispute over the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The work relating to the acquisition of land in the squatters colonies approved for regularisation in February, 1987, is in progress The acquisition proceedings were initiated only in 24 cases and possession was given in 5 cases. Various Ministries/Departments, to whom some of the lands belong, have been requested to grant permissive possession of the land to the Government of West Bengal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

World Bank's recommendations regarding Indian economy

815. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has recommended full or partial price decontrol in many areas of Indian economy and that it has also recommended for removal of trade barriers; and

(b) if so, what is the stand taken by the Government of India in this regard and what impact this will have on Indian economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No such recommendation has been made by the World Bank to the Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.

Regulation of flow of water of river ganga

816. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any action on drawing up an action plan for regulating flow of the water of river Ganga;

(b) whether the plan has been drawn in order to achieve the object of a cleaner Ganga in the shortage possible time;

(c) whether any discussions have been held with the Central Ganga Authority and the concerned State Governments; and

(d) if so, what final views have emerged on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Losses by NTC Mills

817. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mills under the National Textile Corporation in Delhi, Punjab and Rajasthan have been incurring huge losses;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the amount of loss incurred by each NTC mill during the year 1986 and 1987; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken by Government to avoid such?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The mills under NTC (DP&R) have been incurring losses for various reasons. The main reasons for losses of these mills are as under:—

(i) Old and absolete machinery;

(ii) increase in prices of cotton and other inputs like coal, fuel, petroleum products, dyes and chemicals, etc.;

(iii) power-cut and high cost of captive power, resulting in under utilisation of installed in various mills;

(iv) excess labour force;

(v) lack of extensive modernisation.

(c) A statement showing the net loss incurred by the mills under NTC (DP&R), mill-wise, during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 is attached. (*See* below)

(d) NTC have formulated mill specific action plans to improve their performance.

Statement

Net losses of mills under NTC (DP&R), mill-wise during the years 1985-86 *and* 1986-87.

(Net loss (Rs. in lakhs

Sl. No.	Name of the mill	1985-86	1986-87
1	Dayalbagh Spg. & Wvg. mills, Amritsar	—63.98	—60.76
2	Suraj Textile Mills, Malout	—53 47	—61.77
3	Shri Bijay Cotton Mills, Bijay Nagar	—24 81	—61.08
4	Kharar Textile Mills. Kharar	—53 33	—48 15
5	Udaipur Cotton Mills, Udaipur	—19.20	—20.60
6	Ajudhia Textile Mills, Delhi	—364.28	—312 82
7	Mahalaxmi Mills, Beawar	—53.94	—46.69
8	Edward Mills, Beawar	—89.66	—48.94
9	Panipat Woollen Mills, Kharar	—105 48	—106.17